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ADDENDUM TO FINAL PROCUREMENT PLAN

Veterans and Human Services Levy: 2.1(b-2)

2.1(b-2): Mobile Community Health Team

Information on Change to Approved Procurement Plan: Outreach and Engagement of Long-Term Homeless People in South King County

Presented to Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB) and Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB), January 23 and 24, 2008

Background – Why a Change is Needed

In July 2007, the RHSLOB and VCLOB completed a review of the South King County portion of Strategy 2.1 (b-2), outreach and engagement of long-term homeless people in South King County.

That plan included two components:

1. The addition of two outreach workers to South King County, building on the Department of Community & Human Services' existing contract with Sound Mental Health for the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) outreach team.
2. The establishment of a mobile medical van program. One of the outreach workers through Sound Mental Health would be linked to this mobile medical service.

The first component is proceeding as planned. The second component, however, hit a roadblock. Public Health, Health Care for the Homeless Network is responsible for implementing the mobile medical portion of the Plan. As specified in the Procurement Plan, our first step in fall 2007 was to negotiate for rental of the mobile medical van used by another non-profit agency in the region that had unused capacity. During those negotiations, we discovered certain problems with the physical condition of the van that would have required extensive repairs in order to address. This problem developed within the past year – at the time when we began work on the Procurement Plan, health department staff had seen the van and not observed any serious problems.

Proposed Modified Approach

Due to this situation, Public Health is recommending the following modifications to the Procurement Plan:

- Recraft the medical outreach team service delivery approach. Instead of health services being provided on the van, they will provide services inside the partner facilities or on the street (examples of partner facilities include feeding programs, churches, shelters, and other sites where homeless people are located).
- Continue with the initial plan for the medical outreach team to establish a regular schedule and presence at multiple homeless outreach sites. We will have a schedule of “black bag” sites where the nurse or nurse practitioner will visit.
- Continue with the original plan to pair the health worker(s) with the PATH outreach team.
- The goals will remain the same, with the focus being to link people to primary medical care, case management through the PATH team, benefits, and housing.
- As originally planned, we will still issue a Request for Proposals to select the medical agency partner, and will be ready to issue an RFP by the end of January 2008. It would still be our intention to have Bill Wood (VCLOB) and Kimberlee Archie (RHSLOB) serve as the reviewers on the RFP panel, or alternates as instructed by the Levy oversight boards.

Should a suitable mobile medical unit become available and feasible in the future, we still would like to explore options to incorporate this service in South King County. We believe the outreach team will also learn a great deal about whether and where the use of a mobile medical unit would be appropriate and useful in achieving the team’s outcomes.

BUDGET

Original budget of Levy funds in the Procurement Plan was as follows:

	2007 Levy Funds	2008 -2011 per year Levy Funds
PATH Outreach Expansion	54,000	160,000
Mobile Medical	90,000 Actual spent: \$0	210,000
TOTAL	144,000	\$370,000

Of these amounts, 70% comes from Human Services Levy, and 30% from Veterans Levy.

Proposed Change

The total proposed amount over the life of the levy for this area would not change, but due to the delayed start-up, higher amounts will be spent in the 2008-2011 time period.

	2007 Levy Funds	2008 -2011 per year Levy Funds
PATH Outreach Expansion	\$54,000	No Change \$160,000
Mobile Medical	\$0	\$210,000 per year + ¼ of the unspent \$90,000 budgeted for 2007 = \$232,500 per year
TOTAL	\$54,000	\$392,500

Of these amounts, 70% comes from Human Services Levy, and 30% from Veterans Levy.

Budget and Timeline in 2008

Health Care for the Homeless will issue an RFP in January 2008 to select a partner community based agency to provide the health service in South King County.

Amount to RFP for health services	\$190,000
HCH program data entry & reporting	\$5,000
Public Health indirect at 19.33%	\$37,482
Total	\$232,500

Anticipated use of funds will be for health care staff (personnel costs for nurse or nurse practitioner, vehicle/mileage costs, outreach and medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, supervision, cell phone, and other operating costs). In 2008, some funds will also be available for start-up costs due to partial year operations.

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